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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY QUITO  
INFO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: OBTAINING FISHING LICENSES BY RADIO

REFS: (A) 76 QUITO 8876; (B) 76 STATE 286462

1. THE EMBASSY'S CONCERN ABOUT NAILING DOWN THE FINAL DETAILS OF THIS PROCEDURE WAS JUSTIFIED. ON DECEMBER 23, COUNTRY OFFICER FOR ECUADOR ALLITTO DICTATED VERBATIM THE TEXT OF REFTEL A TO THE SECRETARY OF AMERICAN TUNABOAT ASSOCIATION (ATA) GENERAL MANAGER FELANDO, AND ASKED THAT ANY REACTION BE TELEPHONED TO ARA/AND/E. NONE WAS. ON JANUARY 5, ALLITTO TELEPHONED FELANDO, WHO ADMITTED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED REFTEL A BUT HAD NOT PURSUED THE MATTER WITH HIGH-LEVEL BANK OF AMERICA (BOA) OFFICIALS IN CALIFORNIA BECAUSE NEARLY 100 OF HIS TIME HAD BEEN ABSORBED BY THE PORPOISE PROBLEM, WHICH CONTINUES.

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2. FELANDO'S REACTION TO THE IDEA OF HIRING AN AGENT IN GUAYAQUIL FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF HANDLING LICENSES WAS NEGATIVE. FELANDO SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE RELUCTANCE OF THE GUAYAQUIL BOA BRANCH MANAGER TO PAYING FOR THE LICENSES FOR THE ATA, WHICH IS A BANK FUNCTION. FELANDO SAID THAT HE ENVISAGED A PROCEDURE AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH TWO OF REFTEL B.

3. ALLITTO AGREED THAT PLAN WAS FEASIBLE, AND EMPHASIZED THE EMBASSY'S CONCERN THAT TIME WAS RUNNING OUT, AND THAT IT WOULD TAKE ONLY ONE SEIZURE TO BLOW EVERYTHING OUT OF THE WATER FOR GOE-USG RELATIONS, WHICH WOULD NATURALLY HURT THE ATA AS WELL.

4. FELANDO SAID THE ATA WAS SINCERELY DESIROUS OF AVOIDING SEIZURES, AND HE WOULD HAVE ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATES BOTH CONTACT BOA OFFICIALS IN SAN DIEGO TODAY (JANUARY 5) TO TRY TO GET THEM TO OVERCOME THE BOA RELUCTANCE IN GUA-YAQUIL, AND REPORT THE RESULTS TO ALLITTO.

5. FELANDO ALSO COMMENTED THAT HE FORESAW MORE US TUNA-BOATS FISHING OFF ECUADOR AND PERU THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE, BECAUSE OF THE PORPOISE PROBLEM IN THE US. HE DID NOT HAVE ANY ESTIMATE AS TO THE SIZE OF THE INCREASE BECAUSE HE SAID THAT THE ATA WOULD NOT KNOW FOR A FEW MORE WEEKS JUST WHAT KIND OF A SEASON IT WOULD HAVE OFF ECUADOR AND PERU. HE SAID THE FIRST SIGNS WERE THAT THERE MAY BE YELLOWFIN TUNA THIS YEAR, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE A BAD SEASON FOR SKIPJACK.  
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